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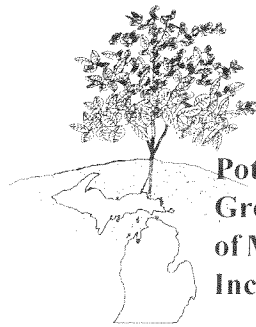
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The Honorable Neal Nitz  
Chairman House Agricultural Committee  
State Representative  
State Capitol  
PO Box 30014  
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Dear Representative Nitz:

RE: Senate Bill 777

Potato Growers of Michigan, Inc. (PGMI) supports SB 777 as passed by the Senate. We encourage the House Agricultural Committee to report the bill out of committee. SB 777 ensures that the regulation of seed will take place at the state and federal level rather than with local ordinances.

Agriculture's advanced use of technology is a term broadly used in the past few months in the discussion of agriculture and bio based economy. We all support the efforts of government and industry to push forward on merging agriculture and bio based ideas to help bolster Michigan's economy. To accomplish these goals the regulation of seed stock, the basic building block of crops, must only take place at the state and federal level.

Regulating the labeling, sale, storage, transportation, distribution or planting of agricultural, vegetable or forest tree seeds must be uniform across the state for crops and seed to move freely within the state.

PGMI encourages the House Agricultural Committee to pass the bill out of committee and support its passage on the House floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben".

Ben Kudwa  
Legislative Director